

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TORRIS IZELL BOYD,

Defendant.

No. CR06-1013-LRR

ORDER

This matter comes before the court on the defendant's motion to reduce sentence (docket no. 96). The defendant filed such motion on December 30, 2011. Also before the court is the defendant's supplement to his motion to reduce sentence (docket no. 98), filed on March 1, 2012, and second supplement (docket no. 101), filed on January 25, 2013.

In relevant part, 18 U.S.C. § 3582 provides:

The court may not modify a term of imprisonment once it has been imposed except that . . . in the case of a defendant who has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment based on a sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered by the Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. [§] 994(o), upon motion of the defendant or the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, or on its own motion, the court may reduce the term of imprisonment, after considering the factors set forth in [18 U.S.C. §] 3553(a) to the extent that they are applicable, if such a reduction is consistent with applicable policy statements issued by the Sentencing Commission.

18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2); *see also United States v. Auman*, 8 F.3d 1268, 1271 (8th Cir. 1993) (“Section 3582(c)(2) is a provision that permits a district court to reduce a term of imprisonment if the sentencing range upon which the term was based is subsequently lowered by the Sentencing Commission.”). Given the record, the court concludes that it need not appoint counsel or conduct a hearing with respect to whether relief is warranted

under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2). *See United States v. Harris*, 568 F.3d 666, 669 (8th Cir. 2009) (concluding that there is no right to assistance of counsel when pursuing relief under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c) and finding that a judge need not hold a hearing on a motion pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)); *see also* Fed. R. Crim. P. 43(b)(4) (stating that a defendant's presence is not required in a proceeding that involves the reduction of a sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)).

Amendment 750 (Parts A and C only) amends USSG §1B1.10. On June 30, 2011, the Sentencing Commission unanimously voted to apply Amendment 750 (Parts A and C only) retroactively to cocaine base ("crack") offenses, and it set November 1, 2011 as the date that Amendment 750 (Parts A and C only) could be applied retroactively. Part A amended the Drug Quantity Table in USSG §2D1.1 for crack offenses and made related revisions to Application Note 10 to USSG §2D1.1. Part C deleted the cross reference in USSG §2D2.1(b) under which an offender who possessed more than 5 grams of crack was sentenced under USSG §2D1.1.

USSG §1B1.10, in relevant part, states:

In a case in which a defendant is serving a term of imprisonment, and the guideline range applicable to that defendant has subsequently been lowered as a result of an amendment to the Guidelines Manual listed in subsection (c) below, the court may reduce the defendant's term of imprisonment as provided by 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2). As required by 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2), any such reduction in the defendant's term of imprisonment shall be consistent with this policy statement.

USSG §1B1.10(a)(1); *see also* USSG §1B1.10, comment. (n.1) ("Eligibility for consideration under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) is triggered only by an amendment listed in subsection (c) that lowers the applicable guideline range."). The Sentencing Commission included Amendment 750 (Parts A and C only) within subsection (c). USSG §1B1.10(c).

As an initial matter, the court notes that the defendant believes that he is serving a 308 month term of imprisonment. The defendant is mistaken. On December 15, 2008, the

court relied on 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) and USSG §1B1.10 to reduce the defendant's sentence to a 279 month term of imprisonment. Further, just as it did in 2008, the United States Probation Office prepared a memorandum in September of 2011 that, among other things, addresses the defendant's eligibility for a sentence reduction under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) and calculates the defendant's amended guideline range. The United States Probation Office also provided the court with additional documents in support of its memorandum. Those documents include, but are not limited to, the defendant's pre-sentence investigation report and the Federal Bureau of Prison's report on the defendant while he has been incarcerated.

In light of the record, the defendant is eligible for a sentence reduction.¹ Nevertheless, having reviewed the defendant's file, the provisions and commentary of USSG §1B1.10, the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or community that may be posed by a reduction in the defendant's term of imprisonment and the defendant's post-sentencing conduct, the court deems it appropriate to exercise its discretion and to deny the defendant a reduction that is permitted under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) and USSG §1B1.10. The defendant's criminal history and disciplinary record since being incarcerated is alarming. Even though the court did not grant the defendant the maximum reduction permitted in 2008 because of his criminal history and post-sentencing conduct, the defendant did not elect to improve his behavior while incarcerated.

Because a reduction under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) and USSG §1B1.10 is not warranted at this time, the defendant's motion to reduce sentence (docket no. 96) is denied

¹ For purposes of the instant order, the court relied on the following determinations:

Previous Offense Level:	38	Amended Offense Level:	34
Criminal History Category:	IV	Criminal History Category:	IV
Previous Guideline Range:	324 to 405 months	Amended Guideline Range:	210 to 262 months

without prejudice. If he improves his disciplinary record and avails himself of available courses within the Federal Bureau of Prisons over the next three years, the defendant may move the court for a reduction in his sentence.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 31st day of July, 2013.



LINDA R. READE
CHIEF JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA